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HAPPY SCHOOL DAYS

School days have arrived once again. We welcome the teachers and pupils to another session, and we are sure that it will be a successful and profitable one. School days are the true happy days in one's life, but the nine month session is more than just memorable experiences with one's classmates. They are days of challenge and opportunity. You may not "pass this way but once," so make the most of every precious moment.

In passing, we would commend our many fine teachers who have used the summer vacation period to attend summer course and otherwise improve their skill in one of the world's finest vocations.

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THE SEPTEMBER SKY

Those who like to watch the sky at night will find September somewhat meager, yet with enough attractions in the heavens to be of great interest. Of the sixteen brighest stars, few of them are to be seen on September nights.

However, at least two may be seen, Vega and Fomalhaut. Vega is in the constellation Lyra and Formalhaut is in the constellation Pisces Australis.

If one will stand in his yard and look straight up into the sky in September, he will see the Northern Cross almost directly above. The Northern Star will be almost due north of it and the cup of the Big Dipper, which will be near the horizon, will be at about 330 degrees.

In the heavens toward the south, one can see the constellations Capricornus and Sagittarius. In the southeast, the star Fomalhaut will be seen quite near the horizon. And, in looking straight up at the Northern Cross, Vega will be seen about one-fourth of the way toward the horizon, due west.

Further, the Little Dipper will be seen almost midway between the Northern Cross and the Big Dipper — that is, in the middle northwestern sky.

An interesting star in the September heavens is Altair. Altair will be found about one-third of the distance to the southern horizon from the Northern Cross. It is a bribht star and one of our closet neighbors. It is not a large star but it is bright because it is so close — only fifteen light years away.

Astronomers have discovered that it is moving closer and closer to us and it is estimated that it moves twelve miles closer per second, or about 290,000,000 closer per year. For those who live in the southern part of the United States, three bright stars make a pretty sight during the first part of the month. They are Altair, Fomalhaut and Antares (this latter star very near the horizon in a southward direction.) Clip out this editorial, read it, over several times, and take it with you to study the sky some night soon. You will find it rewarding.

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DEFENSE WASTE

The Air Force announced recently it had cancelled a jet plane project on which about one hundred million dollars had already been spent. The sad part about the announcement was that the project was cancelled before a single model of the plane had been flown.

The aircraft involved was the XF13, which was being produced by Republic Aviation Corporation.

Another corporation involved in the deal was Curtis--Wright, which was building the engine for the XF13. The Air Force said the engine was a complicated one for which it had no other use at this time, and therefore the project was being stopped for economy reasons.

This project has been underway for six years and something between fifteen and twenty million dollars has been spent on it each of these years.

While we are not familiar with this particular project and we do not attempt to accuse anyone of anything in this case, it is such on and off defense programs as this one which costs U. S. taxpayers so heavily. It is getting to the place where the U. S. taxpayer, hearing of the spending of one hundred million dollars on a project which is cancelled, pays little attention to the announcement.

And this is not the only such defense program cancelled. In recent years the number of such programs has been great and the waste to the taxpayer and the government tremendous. Not only the Air Force, but the Navy and Army have had similar experiences. This is the sort of spending the Communists feel will eventually break us.

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BREAD ALONE

Life is not to be spent entirely in the pursuit of serious ends but neither should it be devoted exclusively to the pleasures of the moment.

The individual must, of necessity, consider the ultimate end of man even if the present condition of the human race compels attention to other than eternal objectives.

The organization of society today forces men and women to work for material gains. This pressure often causes some of them to forget that earning a living, important as that is, cannot be the sole endeavor of individuals.

Many years ago, it was spoken, "Man shall not live by bread alone," and the application of that admonition in shaping our earthly life should be diligently attended to by every one of us.

Men and women should not neglect their physical and mental development, but neither should they overlook their spiritual advancement. Those who believe in the immortality of the sould should be fortified against yielding to the temptations of the flesh.

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Faint-hearted Americans lose their enthusiasm when the first bad news arrives.

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The Staff

Lesson for September 8, 1957

THERE is a lot of paper work in the Kingdom of God. No doubt when the Kingdom comes in its final glory, paper work will not be needed any more. But right now there are mountains of it. Next time you are in the city where your denominational headquarters are, or your Board of Missions, or the place where they put out your Sunday school literature, just go in and introduce yourself and look around. You may be amazed at the number of typewriters it takes to operate one denomination.

Dr. Foreman

When famed missionary Schweitzer visited New York after the war, he went to the headquarters of the church that had kept behind him while he was "orphaned" by the war, and he spoke especially to the office workers. He wanted them to know that the missionary on the field could not stay there without these anonymous humble helpers back of him.

Besides the Minister

In larger congregations there is a staff of people besides the minister. No one man all by himself could possibly do anything but buzz around like a bee in a bus station, in a church where the membership runs up near or over the thousand mark. There may be assistant ministers, each one perhaps with a particular specialty; secretaries, receptionists, a hostess, a secretary of men's work, one for women's work, a minister of music, a director of Christian education,—all of these regular salaried people paid by the church.

There is a good Bible precedent for all this. The prophet Jeremiah had a scribe named Baruch, who wrote out Jeremiah's sermons and helped him revise them after the original copy had been destroyed. Baruch was not a prophet himself. He would probably never have been heard from, if he had not been Jeremiah's secretary. On the other hand, some of Jeremiah's most striking sermons would have perished if it had not been for Baruch's faithful work putting them into written shape. We know too that Paul's letter to the Romans was not actually penned by Paul but by a secretary named Tertius (Rom. 16:22). When Paul made a list of various kinds of "gifts" and gifted people in the church, he names "helpers" right along with healers and administrators (I Cor. 12:28). So from the beginning till now, the "staff" has been as much needed as the preacher.

Church Vocations

Young people in high school who are Christians ought to know what the usual vocational counselor will not tell them (because not knowing): namely that there are many vocations open, wide open, where Christians are needed to serve God and man through the Church, vocations which are not the ministry-of-preaching but are ministeries in their own right. Especially is this true on the mission field. Right now there are mission boards calling for teachers, nurses, doctors, agricultural specialists, dentists, industrial workers, all over the world. Here at home—to name only one of these vocations—the "Director of Christian Education" is a kind of job for which there are not nearly as many trained workers as the church needs.

Volunteers

Most churches, however, are small. They cannot afford a staff, they have trouble even in scraping up money for a janitor. In many such little churches the minister is beating his head out trying to do all the chores himself besides preaching. This is where the volunteer worker comes in. We are used to the idea of volunteer Sunday school teachers and choir singers; why not a volunteer staff? In most small churches you could find some one who could take dictation and run a typewriter or mimeograph machine, some one to volunteer to dust the church early Sunday morning (a needed chore often forgotten); some one to answer the minister's phone and give him time for needed study or visiting. Almost any church can have a good staff to help the preacher,—they have the ability, all they need is the volunteers.

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HEALTH PROBLEMS

We read and hear a great deal about the problems of a dry skin. The problems of an oily skin have been almost overlooked.

Both of these conditions stem from the activity of the sebaceous or oil glands of the skin. In one, dryness, there is undersecretion. In the other, oily, there is over secretion. We read in the sales information of creams, lotions and oils that skin dryness leads to wrinkles. If this were true, the person with an oily skin would be very lucky. Unfortunately, wrinkles occur whether the skin is dry or oily.

Cosmetics cannot prevent or correct wrinkles. However, they can do a wonderful job in combatting dry skin. The application of a good emollient once or twice a day will control most dry skin.

Controlling an oily skin is not so easy. The complicated construction of the sebaceous glands accounts for this. It makes no difference whether the cleansing agent is soap and water, cream or a skin lotion, in about three hours the normal skin is as oily as it ever was.

Try to keep calm if you are troubled with an oily skin. Emotional outbursts and anger increase the flow of skin oils. Use a dry, powdered rouge and makeup bases only occasionally. There are several cosmetic lines made especially for oily skins. Shampoo your hair as often as needed to keep it attractive-looking.

Accept the fact that you have an oily skin and learn to cope with it without doing harm to the skin in the process. You will be able to tell by the way your skin feels how often it should be washed.

Try several different cleansers recommended for oily skins to see which one is for you.

Bernard M. Baruch, advisor to presidents and philosopher, recently celebrated his seventh birthday with a party. "To see the dawn of new ideas."

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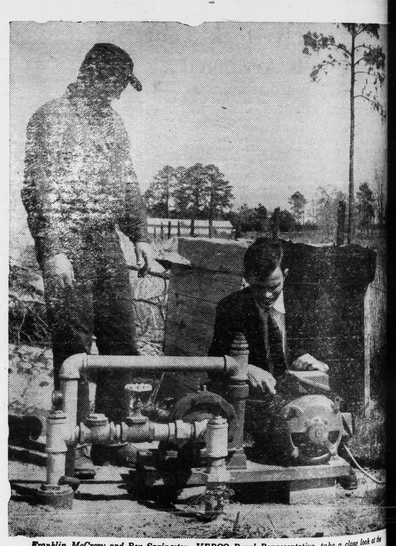

Franklin McCrery and Rex Springston, VEPCO Rural Representative, take a close look at the electric pump that supplies water for irrigation on McCrery's North Carolina Dairy Farm.

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Locust Grove

Locust Grove, Sept. 2.- Clarence Beale, of Lynchburg spent several days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Beale.

Those who visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale recently were Mr. Jim Megginson and son, of Norfolk; Mrs. Sammie Joe Paulette, of Halifax; Mrs. A. L. Farmer and three sons, of Newport News; Mrs. Scott Beale, of Prospect; Mrs. Ida Beale and Mr. John Megginson, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Taylor and two children, of Richmond; Mrs. Nathalie Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. James Beale and daughters, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Beale, Misses Yvonne and Etta Beale, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds.

Mrs. Walker Beale spent several days last week in Clifton Forge and Covington visiting her relatives.

Miss Dorothy Fowler acompanied her back to enter school.

Mrs. Johnnie Carnefix spent several days recently in Washington, D. C. with her sister.

Friends were saddened by the death of Mr. Braxton Coleman and also of Kenneth Marshall. We extend sympathy to the bereaved families.

Mrs. Lula Beale is spending this week with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Beale, and attending the revival at Hermon.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Sept. 3.- Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Clark and family were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jennings Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Inge and cousin from Penn., visited Mrs. J. A. Young over the week-end.

Mrs. Ella Jennings attended the Farrar reunion Sunday at Wayside.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and niece, Anne Johnson, of Greensboro, N. C., spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. O. C. Paulette last week-end.

Massie Hamilton Circle met in the home of Mrs. C. J. Paulette last Thursday evening, with a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Farrar and daughter, of Petersburg spent the week-end here and attended the Farrar reunion Sunday.

Mr. J. A. Young visited his sister, Mrs. Edwards in Pa. over the week-end.

A crowd of men went on a fishing trip Monday.

Mrs. G. W. Ewers, of Roanoke, is spending this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bruce and family spent last week-end with his mother, Mrs. Eva Snowden, at Port Royal, Va.

Mrs. Thomas E. Harvey is spending this week at Richmond with her husband.

Mrs. Alberta Ferguson is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Allen and family, of Maryland, are spending this week with his mother, Mrs. Katie Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paulette and daughter, Wilsie Sue are spending this week with his sister, Mrs Paul Lepage and family, at Manassas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. LeGrand and daughters, Jean and Wanda Kay, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Harvey attended the Price reunion at Charlottesville Sunday.

spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Toby Inge.

Mrs. Etta Orange is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Richardson.

Rev. W. M. Black, of Pamplin brought a fine message on Sunday night, in the absence of the pastor, Rev Joseph R. Darden, who is away on vacation.

The Dickerson reunion was held at the American Legion Hall in Appomattox last Sunday. Quite a few attended.

Mrs. Mary Inge and Mrs. D. R. Inge accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and family to the Dickerson reunion Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and infant returned home from the hospital Friday. Quite a few called to see them over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ranson and children, of near Richmond, were visiting here over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntosh and Teresa, of Evergreen were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmsey Inge, Jr., and family and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ranson went on a fishing trip a few days last week.

Schools will open this week. Many of the children are anxious to get back in school.

Ralph J. Cordiner, head of a special presidential commission, has said $5,000,000,000 could be saved annually by paying military men "for what they do and what they know, not for how long they have been around."

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FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Oat Varieties For Fall Planting

When you plant, and what variety to use, has a lot to do with how successful your oat crop will be.

Recommended dates for planting oats for grain production, west of the Blue Ridge, are September 1 to October 1.

If planting is delayed too long past these dates, oats do not have enough time to establish themselves before cold weather and are more subject to damage from cold weather. If the oats are to be planted for fall grazing as well as grain, plant two or three weeks earlier than the recommended date date planting for grain only.

In Piedmont Virginia, Arlington, Atlantic and Lee are recommended. Arlington has consistently given greater yields than other varieties at the Charlotte Experiment Station.

Dairymen Advised to Consider Culling

It's false economy to try to stretch scanty roughage for a large number of dairy cows.

It is far wiser and more profitable to reduce the size of the herd so each animal can produce at the peak of efficiency. In the face of serious shortages of good quality hay and silage in many parts of the state, it will be wise to consider culling.

Many dairymen have already put stunted corn in the silo. Yield has been reduced to nearly a third and feeding value is probably about one-sixth that of a normal corn silage.

While first cuttings of hay crops were relatively good, second and third cuttings are almost complete losses in many areas. The prospects for corn and late hay and pastures are dim.

Culling unprofitable animals and seeding winter grazing mixtures will help ease the winter feed problem.

Dairymen who have no facilities for keeping silage might just chop up the silage and stack it. It can then be covered with black polythelene plastic. This practice has proved satisfactory on many farms.

DISTRICT MEETING OF SOCIAL WORKERS

District VII of the Virginia Conference of Social Work will hold its second quarterly meeting in the Red Cross Building, Charlotte C. H., on September 12, at 10:30 A. M.

The topic of the program will be Civil Defense. Mr. W. L. Painter, Director of the Division of General Welfare of the Department of Welfare and Institutions, will be in charge of the program. In addition to reports from standing committees, the special committees appointed to study possible sites and construction cost of a regional home for the aged and chronically ill will make a report at the business meeting. This is the second year the distrit has had the building of a home for the aged as its project.

Unlucky!

Then there's the man who was unlucky all his life, but things changed when he died. They struck oil digging his grave. -The Afterburner, Cecil Field, Florida.

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About The Home

By Frances Del

One of the most important things for a home to have is plenty of closet space. Modern home designers realize this and are planning homes accordingly. Women know that closets not only provide protection for certain items but storage space for items not in use and thus prevent clutter about the home.

Closets must be carefully planned in order to get the maximum use from them. Before going to the expense and trouble of tearing down a wall to get more closet space, check to see if existing closet space is being used as efficiently as possible.

Decorations for the closet are matched as carefully as for any room in the home today. Manufacturers are making accessories of all kinds for closets that blend with any color scheme. Accessories may also be made at home quite easily.

There are stocking bags and shoe bags that are inexpensive to buy or to make. If blankets and flat apparel are to be stored in the closet, place them in clear plastic zippered bags or boxes. This way, just a glance will tell where different items are stored. When clear plastic bags are not used for storage, a list of the contents of each box or bag should be made and fastened there-on.

Hats stored on racks or hat-trees should always be covered with plastic or cloth covers to keep dust from settling on them for the accumulated effect of dust on straw or felt, from which most hats are made, is very harmful.

Today, there is no reason for clothes to be riddled by moths while in storage. There are any number of moth-killers for sale. Most commercial dry cleaning establishments offer a moth-proofing process that is quite good. There is also an attractive wall-paper on the market that has a strong cedar odor which repels moths as successfully as real cedar.

NEW BOOK IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY

The Moon by Night

by Joy Packer.

Alice Lang, a young London nurse has always been drawn by the lure of Africa, an interest intensified by four years of correspondence with game warden Andrew Miller. When Alice's mother dies, she follows Andrews urging and flies to the game preserve at Velaba. There she will meet him and she hopes, marry him. An unforeseen complication arises during the journey across the preserve as Alice finds herself becoming greatly attracted to Rusty Miller, Andrew's younger brother, who has been sent to be her guide. When they reach their destination and Alice meets Andrew, she has several important decisions to make. A South African by birth, Joy Packer vividly portrays the dangers and beauties of the jungle, the fascination of the animal life, and the strange beliefs and rituals of the natives.

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